Transport of Food Grains.

217 *MR. K. A. MAHOMED: Will the Government be pleased to state why the transport of food grains be entrusted to private agencies when there is the Transport Department?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Transport of imported food grains from Cochin to the depots and between the depot centres has not been entrusted to private agencies, but is done under departmental control. The Transport Department has, however, no facilities for undertaking such transport regularly.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: May I know the agency that has been entrusted with the road transport of these food stuffs?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: They are private agencies.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: May I know whether Government will arrange to distribute locally the paddy that is locally collected instead of sending it to other parts?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir, that is the intention of Government.

Paddy purchased by Government.

218. *MR. K. A. MAHOMED: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a Taluk-war statement of the paddy purchased by Government in the years 1118 and 1119?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Paddy cultivation in the State.

219. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total area in acres under paddy cultivation in the State for Kanni crop 1119, Kumbhom crop 1119 and Kanni crop 1120;

(*b*) the total estimated yield in each of these crops;

(*c*) the amount of paddy in paras delivered to Government in each of these crops as Settlement Pattom; and

(*d*) the amount of paddy in paras purchased by Government from the excess quantity available with the ryots in each of these crops?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR:

(*a*)	2,99,608	acres for	Kanni crop of	1119.
	4,28,959	,,	Kumbhom ,,	1119.
	2,95,147	,,	Kanni ,,	1120.
(*b*)	95,28,534	paras of paddy from the	Kanni crop of	1119
	199,50,253	,, ,,	Kumbhom ,,	1119
	89,34,750	,, ,,	Kanni ,,	1120
(*c*)	21,28,234	,, ,,	Kanni crop of	1119
	51,40,243	,, ,,	Kumbhom ,,	1119
	17,93,290	,, ,,	Kanni ,,	1120
(*d*)	3,25,017	,, ,,	Kanni crop of	1119
	12,48,429	,, ,,	Kumbhom ,,	1119
	2,43,949	,, ,,	Kanni ,,	1120

*Vide Appendix—IV.

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